**Project**

* Find a minimum of **4** newspaper, magazine or government publication articles that discuss a food or health focused community or national issue. Examples may be hunger in the United States, unemployment in the region or in the country, food safety, organic foods, chemical fertilizer or pesticides vs organic production of foods, healthy lifestyles…
  + Collect information/data
  + Write a 1 to 2 page paper that explains both sides of the issue (as unbiased as possible) (Type double spaced – 10 or 12 times new roman)
  + Decide where you stand on the issue
  + Write a sample letter to an official in support of your issue (how should they deal with the problem,…) Letters may be written to:
    - Newspaper editor
    - Governor
    - President
    - School board
    - Legislator
    - City/town Counsel
    - Other as you deem relevant
  + Present topic to the class giving both sides of the issue and your letter (or points of your letter)
    - May use a PowerPoint (or use other visual source) to guide your presentation
    - Presentation needs to organized and professionally presented to class
    - Must show both sides of the issue

**Criteria**

* Serious topics only
* Copies of all research articles and a bibliography
* Rough drafts (may be presented to teacher for input before due date)
* Final paper and letter – typed, proof read and spell checked
* Use standard English conventions
* Professional presentation to class

Note: This project will be 20% of your semester grade and will be recorded as your semester exam